ALFONSO XII OF SPAIN

PERSONALITY OF THE FATHER OF THE NEW BOY KING.

A Man of High Attainments as Scholar and Statesman-His Widow's Work

for Her Royal Son.

W. T. Stephenson, in New York Press. Just twenty-one years ago this month the writer happened to arrive in Madrid after a delightful six months' sojourn in southern

The capital was gayly decorated and crowded with visitors from every part of the kingdom, as well as abroad, who had assembled to witness the festivities in commemoration of the second centenary of the death of Calderon de la Barca, Spain's greatest dramatic poet after Lope de Vega, who died on May 25, 1681.

The weather was glorious even for spring in the peninsula, and every one seemed happy, although the landlords showed unmistakable traits of the descent from brigand ancestors by urbanely extorting a fabulous ransom from each guest that fell into their clutches. No matter what rate to pay about twice as much before you could leave with your baggage. However, in the private mansion of some hidalgo.

United States were much the same thing to be qualified to answer. as Las Estados Unidas de Colombia or some other restive South American repub- \$1.50 sort that the professionals use - is mand made by the men and women who lic. I fear they have grown more enlight-

parades of the sturdy Spanish soldiers. ing material in Europe. Eloquent orations were delivered in sonorous Castilian. There were gala performances of opera, a special representations of Calderon's masterpiece, 'La Vida es Sueno," and a grand concert, at which the chief soprano singer happened to be Miss Emma Thursby, of Brook-

interesting bull fight-not the customary Roman arena, but a revival of the courtly jousts of Spanish chivalry, which still survived in Calderon's day. This tournament was styled "Caballeros en Plaza (Cavaliers in the ring) and afforded an opportunity for the ultra "swells" among the nobility to mount their superb horses and tilt gracefully at the charging bulls, which were decoyed to one side just in time to prevent a general goring of steed and rider. The knightly costumes of the participants, the element of danger involved, the notable representation of Castilian beauty and "high life" in the brilliant throng of spectators were quite sufficient to make the "Caballeros en Plaza" the most unique and interesting event of the whole Calderon

"Plaza de Toros" afforded an entertainment by itself that can only be compared to the Derby day procession in England. Every conceivable kind of vehicle was pressed into service, and nearly every animal that figured in Noah's ark, with a preference for goats, donkeys and mules. The entire population of Madrid was on the road, I think, exclusive of the royal family and the clergy. Very few of the masses, of course, got inside the ring, but

Alfonso XII was then in the early twen-

ference of a well-bred man of the world. The saying at that time was that while there were sixteen millions of people in Spain, there were at least sixteen millions and one political parties. And yet this seemingly languid youth of scarcely twenty-four years dealt with the opposing facnot only the respect of his own subjects, but of all Europe before he died, in 1885. Banished with his mother Isabella from his native land for more than half his life ough way. It was knowledge of the world | The covers are first fastened on with brass and of human nature, together with unfall-

"I wish you to understand," he said, on accepting the throne at the hands of his partisans, "that I consider myself the first then I shall retire as Amadeo has done." He had the people with him to a man

On Corpus Christi day in Spain it has long been the custom for the King and Queen, with their entire court, to attend high mass in state at the royal chapel and while before them proceed the high dignitaries of the church bearing the consemony of the Romish ritual.

Through the kindness of a friend, resident in Madrid, I secured a card of admission to early June and all the world seemed to riving at the palace it took me fully half chapel. There were doorkeepers innumerable on the eager watch for possible Anarchists or assassins, and each one in turn had more questions to ask than the last.

Once in the chapel I breathed a sigh of He Lacks Imagination, and Is, Thererelief, although I found myself penned up perspiring ticket holders. For over an hour New Orleans Times-Democrat. the most beautiful music, the distinguishing feature of which was a piercing falsetto voice of unearthly, yet beautiful, this creature. Many accidents have been the park does not seem to confirm the the-

At 11 o'clock heralds, richly costumed, an-

ments, conspicuous among whom was the benevolent and portly figure of the Archbishop of Toledo, the primate of all Spain. Then, at a little distance, followed the royal party-Alfonso, every inch a King, notwithstanding his slight figure and youthful appearance, and Christina, pale and distinctly plain, yet distinguished and regal in her bearing. Directly behind their Majesties, a brilliant spectacle of handsome dors, ministers of state and the grandees of the kingdom, all with their wives.

The service was long and imposing. The singularly sad. As for the King, I fear his demeanor indicated that he was being bored to death. Once, indeed, (am I guilty of lese majesty?) Alfonso XII, yawned unagination was somewhat horrified, and l do next. However, there was no

further lapse from regal dignity This little incident was thoroughly charwrong," but because behind this mark of ndifference you discover the man himselfntellectual, resourceful, magnetic and kindly-a man who had done much and who would do more ere he died.

A little later this distinguished company

their stately march through the galleries,

nando-Maria-Jaime-Isidore - Paal -Antonio). the congratulations of all Christendom. Let this be said in conclusion: No heir apparent has ever acceded to a throne with better equipment for his lofty position than this youth, and the monarch, as well as his people, owes a debt of lasting gratitude to the good, gracious and highly cultivated Queen Regent, Maria Christina, who has supervised the education of her son with maternal solicitude, rare tact and far-seeing sagacity.

MAKING THE BASEBALLS

Nearly Four Million Turned Out in One Factory a Year.

Philadelphia Record.

A large proportion of the world's basemen, young women and little boys produce 12,000 balls daily and 3,600,000 annually, for winter and summer, in season and out of season, the factory is in

It is a big building of red brick, at the

corner of Tulip and Palmer streets, and it belongs to A. J. Reach & Co., the firm that makes the balls used by the Nahad been agreed upon in advance you had | tional League, the American League and the American Association. These professional people in every game put in play the Spanish boniface is so exquisitely polite from four to six new balls, which they that you actually depart with the comfort- never use again except for practice. Amaing sense of having been nobly entertained | teurs put in play two, three or four balls, according to their wealth, and thus the I was fortunate enough to obtain accom- | consumption continues on down the line modations in a casa de hues pedes (board- to the teams that put in play only one ing house) in a side street where most of ball and stop the game if that gets lost. the guests were permanent and whose Three and a half million is a great numlandlady was good enough to think that all | ber of balls to make in a year, but that Americans were somehow the posterity of is the output, and the consumption equals the early voyagers from Spain, and there- it, for at the season's end no balls are left. fore to be treated as "kin beyond the sea." What ultimately becomes of them-whether | culation, and so far as I am able to judge It was curious, indeed, in those days how | they are sold for waste yarn or whether many Spanlards could with difficulty be they are simply thrown away-is an interdissuaded from the fond belief that the esting question, but one that no one seems

nine inches in circumference, three inches | are on the regular subscription list. I have is composed of a rubber center, a round streets and over the counter. I may call sition or cement, two more layers one inch

The winding room of the factory is on Each boy has a box beside him filled with the slate-colored centers of Para rubber. He places one of these centers at the height of his breast before him. a four-ply, blue-mixed yarn - a woolen varn-that is to say, of the thickness of a straw, and very strong and durable. When enough of the yarn has been applied the machine stops of itself, for it works automatically, and the boy then removes the ball, which is now two inches in diameter, throws it into a box, sets another rubber center in its place and starts the machine awinding again.

Some little boys, meanwhile, go from this machine to that, gathering up the partly transparent fluid that is called "plastic composition" or cement. This fluid is exthe balls to retain permanently their shape; the guarantee accompanying them, indeed is that if they are ever batted out of shape new balls will be given in exchange for

three-ply white yarn and then with a threeply yarn of blue, until it has reached the

Automatically through these various stages the machines have wound it, and, so far as the eye can tell, they have brought it precisely to the right size. But weigh scales, tended by boys, are here and there, and upon these the balls are thrown layers of blue and white and four-ply and Horsehide, alum-tanned, and as white and ofe as the gloves that are worn in the evening, is the ball's covering. One hide makes only eighteen covers, for only the strongest and finest part of it can be used. First it is knee-staked. A muscular youth pulls it back and forth over a knee-high stake with all the strength of his back and shoulder muscles, and this takes the 'stretch" out of it, brings it to its ultimate size. Then it is passed on to a young man who sits in a row of fellow-workers before a machine that with one stroke cuts out and | Consumption Is One of the Maladies perforates for sewing a half cover. The cover is in two pieces, each shaped like an and these 8-shaped sections, pierced along | New York Evening Post. their edges for the needle's passage, the cutting machines punch with great accuracy and speed out of the hides. Only men-for the work requires mus-

cle-sew the \$1.50 balls. They sit on sadbefore them, in which the balls are placed. In the sewing the thread used is a very excellent grade of cotton, colored red and blue. At one time silk was used, but the was tried, but batting broke the fibre of the linen thread. Cotton, it was found. made the most durable stitching that could

seams. It is, therefore, rolled after sewing, first by hand, and then, the next morning, by machinery, and this process smoothes it perfectly. The stamping, the the packing in separate boxes complete the manufacture of the ball. It is ready now to go out into the world and to begin its brief life on the diamond. The whole process of its making takes just thirty

Only Americans play baseball, and A J. Reach & Co. did no exporting until Uncle pines, and during the Boxer uprising they wherever the American soldiers and sailors are they must have baseballs to play with

A WORD FOR THE MULE.

geon. "and this fact alone has placed hu- it in the park that only three or four have

while reverencing the Consecrated Host have been known to bark for hours at their borne in advance. I never saw Alfonso own echo. They have been known to bristle | the park for the study of reptillan tubercu- forty years ago these dugouts were part of up at shadows, or at certain natural for-1886, six months after his mations which suggest the idea of immedideath, was born Alfonzo XIII (Leon-Fer- ate attack. Every owner of a dog is famountainous regions where there is almost | caribou in the lumber camps. constant danger of falling over a precipice, place, and makes no guesses. You simply shy around things like the horse will. It is | cise as when they were wild. not a matter of courage with him. He is not gamer than the horse. But he is simply safer, because he does not imagine vain kept in menageries or by "hurdy-gurdy things. He believes in the five senses at his men" have these protozoan parasites in How Many Mistakes Are Made by He never dreams, and this fact has, no | pneumonia. loubt, saved many lives under circumstances which would have worked the horse

WHEN NEWSPAPERS SELL.

They Are Most in Demand After a Big Prize Fight.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Speaking of the things which sell newspapers," said a gentleman who is consected with the counting room of a big daily paper, "It is a curious fact that prize fights take high rank when it comes to creating a demand for newspapers. A few years ago a New York paper took the subject up and made a rather interesting calthere has been no reason for changing the general estimates made at that time. There are, however, a few reflections which one might make on the subject generally. The demand for newspapers, in this connection, may be said in a general way, sells the there is a local coloring to the offense the sales in the particular case will probably show a higher percentage than the sales under other circumstances. Take, for instance, a local riot. The sudden outbreak of violence of this sort will result in a heavier what the public wants, and he governs himhere in New Orleans furnished a good Illustration of the heavy demand made for newspapers under circumstances of this sort. The riot that grew out of the Hennessey killing, for instance, and the Charles riot, here in New Orleans, are notable inthe same point. Happenings of this sort, of course, have a local coloring, and they swell the local demand. By local demand is not meant the demand within city limupon local papers for the news is also inwith the value of news. For instance, one man killed in a certain community is of more importance from a news standpoint to the paper published in that community than the killing of six men at some other point. But I am drifting somewhat. Getting back to the relative importance of happenings of a general nature, I would rank them in this way: First, an international prize fight for the championship of the train robbery and riots, attended by loss of life and property; thirdly, presidential elections. There are notable exceptions to this general rule. There are storms, and fires, and the assassination of rulers, and things of that sort. Take the Galveston storm as tremendous sale of papers all over the lev is another instance of the exception. the championship of the world in the prize ring is the most important event, and perpublish the smaller puglilistic events by rounds will probably know why it happens when they understand the high rating given the prize fight from the news standpoint. This is the way events are rated, and it may be accepted as a general standard for the country.

ILLS OF CAPTIVE WILD ANIMALS.

to Be Guarded Against. Preventive medicine, the enforcement of quarantine regulations, and the sanitary to the treatment of wild animals, were unavailing until the New York Zoological Society, a year ago, organized a pathological laboratory and undertook to look after the health of its animal charges with the same familiarity with the habits of the particu- tiful, but it was doubtless the Desert lar creatures in his care which enables him eases. In Central Park, for instance, although the crowded quarters are by no means good for the animals, many of them have shown remarkable longevity.

At the same time there has been very little study of the diseases of animals aside from the domestic species, and what accurate knowledge there was was unsys-"Dog books," "horse books," and "bird books" were its chief repositories. When an animal died, he was dead, a thing to be mounted and put in a glass case, not to be dissected and studied with a view to finding out what killed him

The pathological laboratory at the Zoological Park was organized on just the same lines as that of any hospital. When fifteen cases a week among large and small animals in the park-the diagnosis is made by all the methods known to medical science. When the creature is dead, a postmortem is held to ascertain the cause

Tuberculosis causes the largest mortality among captive animals. The Zoological Park has been unusually successful in keeping out this disease. There is, in the first place, a careful inspection when animals are brought to the park, to determine if they are infected, and moreover, if a case develops in the park, the animal is either killed or isolated completely from the others. When an animal dies, its cage is this extraordinary thing we call species to another. Bacilli from a snake, not unknown in certain lower orders of guinea pig though one is a cold-blooded and life. Dogs frequently show evidences of the other a warm-blooded animal. These

Ezra-Well, he would do fust rate of he only had more patience. Silas-So would my son, the doctor.

imagination. They hear imaginary sounds | results are parallel with some experiments | the virtue of never sinking, and always because of some peculiar association. Dogs | conducted by the Pasteur Institute in Paris. There has been an excellent opportunity in

of the ruminants. The curious feature is | tion. To-day the unintiated is bewildered miliar with the dog's dreaming habit. that it is not the imported animals that die, who yesterday, on the sixteenth anniver- Horses, too, imagine things and dream a but those native to this section of the counsary of his birth, was crowned King of great deal. They have that more delicate try. It is explained in this way: A deer, Spain amid the rejoicing of his subjects and and more sensitive temperament which de- moose, or caribou in his native habitat has and importance. One should travel in light velops the imagination, and the faculty for | a good deal of difficulty in securing food. dreaming. But the mule never imagines | Before he gets a full meal, winter or sum- | rubber sheets are indispensable. On this, anything. He never dreams. He believes | mer, he is likely to travel over a good many simply in what he can see, feel, smell, miles and browse over a wide stretch of you will soon discover that the ground is hear and taste. When the possibility of territory. Incidentally, he sometimes has preferable. Sleeping in a hommock is wont these senses is exhausted he is at the end to run for his life from his enemies. But of his row, so far as his mind goes. He in the paddeck all this is changed. He gets rarely shows nervousness, and even at try- his meals for the mere trouble of eating | ency to give one's nock a "set" at an uning moments, at critical times, he simply | them. The keepers find it almost impossible | graceful and uncomfortable angle. The deals with the situation with stoical in- to make the native herbivorous animals difference, making no effort to go beyond | take enough exercise. To drive them about the range of the five senses. This fact has | with clubs and shouting gives them hysmade him a safe member. For instance, teria. Mr. Hornaday, the director, is semen who are in the habit of riding through | riously considering the idea of breaking his dangerous parts of the country, through | moose to harness, as is sometimes done with

On the other hand, imported deer from would rather be astride a species of the the tropics live among rank lush vegetamule tribe. He is safe-footed in the first | tion which relieves them of the necessity of "hustling" for their meals and also procannot force him into a place where he will | tects them from their enemies. In caplose his balance, and possibly his life, and | tivity their food may be a little different, balls are made in Frankford, in a factory | the life of his rider. He is not going to | but they get pretty nearly as much exer-Monkeys are very susceptible to a para-

site like that of malaria. Nearly all those

ommand and puts implicit trust in them. | their blood and it renders them liable to An especially interesting phase of the work is the study of diseases peculiar to up to a nervous pitch that would have the lower animals. External symptoms in caused him to plunge over a precipice with | such creatures as reptiles play a very small his rider. We owe much to the mule, and part in the diagnosis. A snake, for inwe should not forget the fact because of | stance, betrays no more feeling in sickness his displacement by electricity and other | than in health. He merely refuses to eat, kinds of motive power now used in certain is sluggish and gets thin. It is hard to feel the pulses of some animals, though the orang-outangs got in the habit of hold-

ing our their wrists willingly when the doc-The acclimatizing of tropical and arctic species is always attended with a certain amount of danger. Next winter the experiment is to be tried of letting the lions and tigers outdoors, instead of bundling them up in blankets and keeping their quarters at a high temperature. At home the African lion is accustomed to very cold nights and very hot days, and it is thought that a wide variation of temperature here may be the very best thing for him. There has been no difficulty, as it was feared there would be, in keeping the mountain goat, European sheep and other animals accustomed to extremely high al-

The results of this new work are being regularly reported to the Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington. The London Pathological Society, following the American example, has also inaugurated somewhat similar methods at the London zoo.

SAILS OVER SAND WASTES.

Land Yacht Used by Miners in Mojave Desert, California.

New York Tribune. Out on the grim sand wastes of the Moand yacht. Desert Queen is its name, and it has triumphed over distance in a place where lonely prospectors have heretofore made their weary way on foot. other end of a dried-up lake. The surface of this lake is hard and smooth, worn so by the sandstorms that constantly presweep through Tehachepi pass. While crossing the level tract one day Carl Hoyt suggested to his brother that they might possibly escape much needless drudgery by building a wagon and putting sails on to carry them over the lake on their way

They set to work and the evolution of the Desert Queen followed. Their only tools were an axe, saw and hammer, and the only materials the odds and ends they could pick up about the camp. The front support was made of an old

buggy axle, to which were attached two which had done service for an agricultural provised, and the result was a stanch vessel. For steering a contrivance similar to those on hook and ladder trucks was used, and the craft answers her helm perfectly, sailing about as close to the wind as the danger of capsizing.

a wreck, for the Queen developed such crash that sent the pieces flying in every dihas carried her owners and their supplies from camp to mine and back aimost every day, and has traveled many hundreds of miles. The Hoyt brothers have just sold their property, however, and she will be

The Desert Queen has often covered forty miles an hour under a favorable wind, or even seventy-five miles with ease, were it not too hazardous. She has attracted wide attention, and many persons have gone to Rosamond to see her sail. Sometimes she carries excursion parties of half dozen persons. On the level desert fast time is made, and the Hoyts have startled many of the lonely prospectors who tramp over the forbidding region in search of the gold that frequently lures them to death. Once they sailed near a band of Piute Indians gathered at their campfire near Mojave, just at dusk, and caused the wildest consternation. The frightened natives, with wild whoops of alarm, made a frantic rush to get away, the braves trampling squaws and papooses under foot in the excitement. Time after time prospectors have come from the desert to the has the training of a veterinarian, gains a lation that only the mirage can make beaufor years been said to haunt the desola-

> Queen that crossed their paths. DUTCH HOUSEWIVES.

Quaint Customs of Domestic Economy in The Netherlands.

The Holland woman seldom has time for

outside interests, and for that reason the woman's club does not thrive on Dutch soil. She considers that her first duty is to When "me vrouw" gives her hearty morning greeting, which is as bracing as a tonic, she has already cut the bread in thir slices and buttered them for the "ontbyt' (breakfast), and as her family appears she

draws the eggs with a little net from the

After breakfast, if a guest is conversant

with the etiquette of the country, she will assist her hostess in washing the breakfast dishes. A quaint-looking wooden bowl is used in place of a dishpan, and the fragile china is dried on pure Dutch linen. It is a delight to follow the Dutch housewife about on her morning duties. As the good dame goes, with her key basket on her arm, to the store closet, Betjie, the cook, follows in her wake, carrying with her a be filled for the day's use. The store closet have shelves around the four sides of the of which bears its label of "suiker," "bruine suiker," "thee" and the like. The old-fashioned brass scales occupy a table in the center of the room, and before filling weighs the articles in demand. en arm that extends from under the eaves home rough dried, and is prepared for the mangle and the press by the housewife herself. After dampening the pieces with a brush, each one is folded with the greatest exactness and passed to the maids, two of whom are required to push the great As the pieces come from the mangle mein The linen remains in the press for at least soft as silk. The starched pieces are dampened and folded ready for the "strykster" who is hired to do that work. The manner

Down Stream in a Canoc.

right side up. Alarmingly tottlish, it had

of ironing the sleeves is always interesting to an American. An iron bar with a ball on

one end is used for the purpose, and this is heated and twisted about in the sleeve.

promptly righting itself after upsetting the occupant. On many of the northern waters the equipment of a farmer. Now they are Indigestion is the most serious complaint | harbored as mementoes of nautical evolu-

> Pleasure of canoeing is to choose a smallto develop diaphragmic "stitches" and incipient cramps, to say nothing of the tendcommissariat should include some of the substantials, as tinned meats and hardtack, which should be constructed on the compartment combination plan-with provisions in the "grub" sack. A trolling line will usually supply fresh fish, and farm houses milk, if one is not quite in the wilds. Take a field glass instead of a gun. Every beginner should realize the fun and acquire the confidence gained by capsizing a canoe. Let him take it, however, to fordable depths and there rock himself into the water. This is one way by which the craft and the man may find themselves.

> > THE MISUSE OF WORDS.

Thoughtless Writers.

Harper's Magazine. Here are a few ordinary examples of our mistakes in the use of words: "Supercilious is from supercilium, eyebrow; 'supercilious eyebrow' is therefore equivalent to 'eyebrowish eyebrow,' a rank tautology, and inexcusable. But a leading newspaper has, 'The reviewer proceeds to say with supercilious eyebrows; as well might we say, 'with ocular eyes,' or 'auricular ears,' or 'pedal feet,' or 'mental minds.

"Commit, when said of a moral act, is always associated in the mind with blameworthiness, never with acts commendable. But in a notice of the Schley investigation we read of the secretary of the navy 'committing his first impartial act.' "Pessimist and pessimistic designate al-

ways a mental attitude, a point of view, but never the quality of an objective thing or situation. Though the prospect of a coming harvest be never so gloomy, it is not nor can be pessimistic, and though never so cheering, it is not nor can be optimistic; pessimism and optimism are strictly moods I mind and are predicable only of the mind of man. But the secretary of agriculture is reported as saying: 'The outlook for the crops is by no means pessimistic.' The right word is 'discouraging.' or the like. ble words in our language. It is distinetly a Christian and religious word. as Archbishop Trench shows in tracing religious man has are the threshings without which there would be no fitting him for the heavenly garner. Tribulation is derived from the Latin tribulum, which was the threshing instrument or harrow whereby the Roman husbandman separated the corn from the husks, and tribulatio in its primary significance was the act of this separation' (Study of Words, Lect. II.) In correct usage the word has preserved all the mother-tongue debases its signification when, in telling of the search made for a stray submarine mine, it says 'the search was made in fear and tribulation.'

The Songs of the Bugles.

Crocuses lighting the dusty square, And the grass that is faintly showing, Hinting of green of a later day-Speak of peace-but, far away, I hear the bugles blowing; Scarce-heard and soft, I catch the note Of far-off bugles blowing.

Song of the bugles-brave and sweet And the measured pulse of marching feet, That the roar of the town grows still to hear Till the music blurs in a sudden cheer. Song of the bugles; the Flag goes by A scarlet flutter against the sky, The April sky that seems to be

Tender as with a memory); Oh, the steady sway of the close-ranked men And the bugle's song that rings again. These are your own-O city, rise to meet them, These are your own-O city, hold them fast! These are your own, and the great sea waits to

strong men march past.

And down the way that leads to her your

March past! march past! And what's to stop or stay them? March past, march past, and who's to say then There was no prayer that you could pray to hold For the Flag is on the April wind and all the Cheer! For high hope for young courage burn-Cheer! For all those who go! Cheer! for the!

Ave, and cheer your hearts out in a cheer t pledge your dead!

-Arthur Ketchum, in Ainslee's Magazine.



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